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SUBJECT: LAW-OF-WAR CONFERENCE--INVITATION TO PRG

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1. FIRST THING MORNING FEB. 25, WE RELAYED FORCEFUL POINT
CONTAINED PARA. 2, REFTEL B TO MSGR. RE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
ARCHBISHOP BENELLI, VATICAN "DEPUTY" SECRETARY OF STATE. ALSO
REITERATED WELL-KNOWN USG POSITION ON VIETCONG AND OUR OPPO-
SITION TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. MSGR. RE
PROMISED TO BRING MATTER TO BENELLI'S ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.
WHILE NOTING THAT VATICAN COULD NOT ACCEPT PRG RESERVATIONS
TO ARTICLE 4, CONVENTION 3, RE STATED THAT VATICAN NORMALLY
WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN QUESTIONS CONCERNING ADMISSION OF
PARTICIPANTS TO INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. WE NOTED THAT QUESTION
OF PRG RESERVATIONS AND THEIR SEATING LAMENTABLY WENT HAND IN
HAND AND THAT EVEN VATICAN ABSTENTION WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF
ASSOCIATING VATICAN IMPLICITLY WITH SUBSTANCE OF THIS PRG
RESERVATION. VOLPE

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